JAMES R.

WHEREAS We have Resolved by the Favour and Blessing of God, to Celebrate the Solemnity of Our Royal Coronation, and also the Coronation of Our dearly beloved Consort the Queen, upon the 23d Day of April, being St. Georges-Day next, at Our Palace of Westminster; And forasmuch as by Ancient Customs and Usages of this Realm, as also in regard of divers Tenures of sundry Manours, Lands, and other Hereditaments, many of Our Loving Subjects do Claim, and are bound to Do and Perform divers several Services on the said Day, and at the time of the Coronation, as in times precedent their Ancestors, and those from whom they Claim have done, and performed at the Coronations of Our famous Progenitors and Predecessors Kings and Queens of this Realm; We therefore out of Our Princely Care for the Preservation of the Lawful Rights and Inheritances of Our Loving Subjects, whom it may concern, have thought fit to give Notice and Publish Our Resolution therein, and do hereby give Notice of, and Publish the same accordingly: And We do hereby further signifie, That by Our Commission under Our Great Seal of England, We have Appointed and Authorized Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councellor Francis Lord Guilford Lord Keeper of Our Great Seal of England, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councellor, Laurence Earl of Rochester Lord High Treaturer of England, Our Right Trusty and Entirely beloved Cousin and Councellor, George Marquis of Halifax Lord President of Our Privy Council, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councellor Henry Earl of Clarendon Lord Privy Seal, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely beloved Cousin Henry Duke of Norfolk Earl-Marshal of England, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely beloved Cousins and Councellors, James Duke of Ormond Lord Steward of Our Houshold, and Henry Duke of Beaufort Lord President of Wales, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousins and Councellors, Robert Earl of Lindsey Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Henry Earl of Arlington Lord Chamberlain of Our Houshold, Aubrey Earl of Oxford, Theophilus Earl of Huntingdon, John Earl of Bridgewater, Henry Earl of Peterborow, Philip Earl of Chesterfield, Robert Earl of Sunderland one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, William Earl of Craven, and Robert Earl of Aylesbury, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin John Earl of Radnor, Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councellors George Lord Dartmouth Master-General of Our Ordnance, Sidney Lord Godolphin Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, and Sir George Jeffreys Knight and Baronet, Chief Justice of Our Court of Kings Bench, and Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Thomas Jones Knight, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common-Pleas, or any three or more of them, to Receive, Hear and Determine, the Petitions and Claims which shall be to them Exhibited by any of Our Loving Subjects in this behalf: And We shall Appoint Our said Commissioners for that purpose to sit in the Painted Chamber of Our Palace at Westminster, upon the 24th Day

Day of this Instant March, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of that Day, and from time to time to Adjourn as to them shall seem meet for the Execution of Our said Commission; Which We do thus Publish, to the intent that all such Persons whom it may any ways concern, may know When and Where to give their Attendance for the Exhibiting of their Petitions and Claims concerning their Services before-mentioned to be done and performed unto Us at Our said Coronation: And We do hereby signifie unto all and every Our Subjects whom it may concern, That Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby straitly charge all Persons of What Rank or Quality soever they be, who either upon Our Letters to them directed, or by reason of their Offices or Tenures, or otherwise are to do any Service at the said Day or Time of Our Coronation, that they do duly give their Attendance accordingly, in all respects furnished and appointed as to so great a Solemnity appertaineth, and answerable to the Dignities and Places which every one of them respectively holdeth and enjoyeth; And of this they, or any of them, are not to fail, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils, unless upon special Reasons by Our Self under Our Hand to be allowed We shall dispense with any of their Services or Attendances.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehal* the 6th Day of *March* 168$\frac{4}{5}$. in the First Year of Our Reign.

Saturday, 28 *February* 1684.

THE *Lords* of the *Committee* agreed, That *Letters* be sent to the *Peers* and *Peeresses*, to give them Notice of their *Majesties Coronation*.

Resolved, That none of the *Peers* or *Peeresses Trains* should be carried up that Day.

That the *Queens Crown* be an *Imperial Crown* with *Arches*, but lighter than the *Kings*.

That the 16 *Maces* for the *Serjeants* at *Arms* shall serve again as they are.

That Sir *William Dugdale* Knight *Garter* Principal *King* of *Arms*, do acquaint their *Lordships* at the next Meeting, Whether the QUEEN is to have a *Throne* distinct from His MAJESTY, *&c.* and what *Preparations* are to be made in Order thereunto.

Then the *Master* of the *Jewel-House* delivered in his *Report* to the *Committee*, touching the REGALIA for the QUEEN, which was read and agreed upon.

Tuesday, 3 *March* 1684.

Present the *Kings* Most Excellent *Majesty* in Council.

THE KING acquainted the *Lords* of the *Council*, That some of the *Barons* had moved Him, That in regard they had *Coronets* Granted them by the late *King*, His *Majesty* would please, that they might now, by His special Favour, at the approaching *Coronation*, wear their ROBES of *Velvet* in stead of *Cloth*, (as the *Earls* do) with the usual Distinction of * *Bars* of *Meniver*; which shortly after was Granted them accordingly, by *Patent* under the *Great Seal* of ENGLAND, in Form following.

* *i. e.* With Capes of *Meniver* Powdred with two Bars or Rows of *Ermine*.

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